

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Final Office Action mailed on March 26, 2004. Reexamination in light of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 14-17, 82-87, 120-125 and 149-154 are currently pending in this application with claims 14, 82, 120, and 149 being independent.

Allowable subject matter

Appreciation is expressed for the indication that claims 14-17, 82-87, 120-125 and 149-154 are allowable.

Rejection of the claims

While not conceding the propriety of the rejections and in order to advance the prosecution of the above-identified application, claims 1-2, 26-81, 32, 35-37, 42, 46, 48, 52, 55-57, 62, 66-67, 104-105, 142-143 and 145 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their underlying subject matter for the purposes of filing a continuation application.

Withdrawal of these rejections and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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